

REMARKS

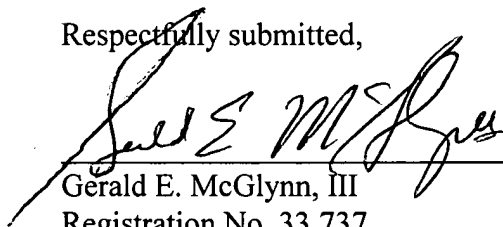
Claims 1 - 5 were originally pending in this application. Claims 1 through 5 remain in this application and were finally rejected in the Office Action dated November 29, 2004.

More specifically, the Examiner stated that claims 1, 2, and 5 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner further stated that claims 1 through 5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action.

In response, claims 1, 2, and 5 have been amended to eliminate the § 112 issues raised by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended herein are now in allowable form. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be admitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and that the rejection under §112 be withdrawn. The applicants further solicit the allowance of claims 1-5 pending in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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